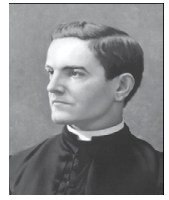




# The Notre Dame Grotto



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## Chaplain's Corner

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Congrats to all newly installed officers. We are looking forward to another successful year. The installation and Grand Knight's party will be a opportunity to share ideas and friendship. Have a safe and blessed vacation. Enjoy your summer of relaxation and don't forget your church duties of Mass and your rosary! Try to attend Mass when you are away so you can enjoy a different church. Continued prayers for Ukraine and all suffering countries. August will be school starting again so please be careful when driving. The Supreme convention will be August 1st-3rd in Orlando, Florida this year, pray for them. And, don't get too engrossed in the 2024 election hubbub, but pray for the best outcome for the country.  
Jesus Lives !

## Grand Knight's Report

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Hello Brother Knights, We have had a great fraternal year thanks to your support. It has been filled with the many things we do with your help throughout the year. This year we also were able to help some local Catholic high schools with some much needed funding, which they greatly appreciate. I look forward to another great year for the council, with your continued support I'm sure it will be. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

*Editors note: Our Worthy Grand Knight, all officers and chairmen have agreed to stay on for another fraternal year. Please thank them for their service when you see them!*



**5th Sunday**  
July 30, 2023 9AM Mass  
St. Mary of the Assumption  
5502 York Rd. 21212  
**Brunch**  
Seasons Pizza  
40 York Rd. 21204



## District Deputy

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My brothers and sisters of 2901, you had another wonderful year last year. And as we start another great year to come, this will be my last year as your District Deputy and I hope to meet more of you at the meetings. Have a great and safe summer.

## Grand Knights Appreciation Party

**Where:** St. Pius X Rectory courtyard - (Genesis Hall, if raining)

**When:** June 20th, 6:30PM

**What:** Free food, drinks, fun and fraternity

**Also:** Presentations to the Knight of the Year

**Who:** Everyone is invited, but we ask that you call GK Tom Welzant if you plan on attending so we know how much food to purchase.

**And:** Bring a lawn chair or two!

**Note:** We will also use this day to celebrate our new officers -elect for the 2023-2024 year by holding a brief installation prior to the picnic! Please come and show your support for them.



July Knight of the month-Bert Peters PGK

July Family of the month- Dr. John Butt & family

August Knight of the month-Jere Danaher PGK

August Family of the month- Nelson Arnold PGK & family

## Reminder !!

The July council meeting will be on July 18th,  
since the first Tuesday of the month is July 4th.  
Enjoy Independence Day !!



## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

**Sick:** Joe Olszewski PGK recovering at home, Jere Danaher PGK recovering from surgery, Barbara Renz (sister in law of PGK Nelson Arnold) recovering from surgery, Greg Leftwich step-father is in the hospital.

**Congratulations-**Deacon Franz Belleza on his ordination.

### Program Director

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### JUNE LOTTERY

Many thanks to our brothers and sisters that supported this council activity. As of this writing, the June numbers are just starting. Winners will be notified by mail or at our council meetings.

Winners so far: John Conway, June 1st, Joe Mitala, June 6th.

### Renewable Scholarship Presentations

(see page 3 for pictures)

All donations (5 X \$50,000) have been made to The Catholic High School of Baltimore, Archbishop Curley H. S., Mercy H.S., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School, and Mt. St Joseph H.S. All of the Presidents, principals, and wonderful development staff were deeply appreciative! On a personal note, these folks also supported me physically in the presentations. It was a wonderful experience meeting these dedicated Catholic school educators.

### Membership Chairman Information

Brothers, don't allow a few dollars lose your membership in our council. As our Financial secretary has informed you a number of times, if you need help paying, contact him. If you look at items where you spend money, this item is very small. Second, come to one of our meetings and meet our brother knights. You joined a great organization, please don't allow it to slip away!

### Council Errata

We have been exploring ways to streamline our council by perhaps jettisoning certain things that are either not well attended, old or just not fun anymore. We are also exploring what things we may discontinue that are not fiscally responsible as well, or maybe changing the parameters to be on better financial footing. One of the ideas we have been talking about is to discontinue the newsletter and put all of our content on our web site, which is basically a duplicate of the newsletter anyway. If no one comes forth to take on the responsibility as editor of the newsletter, it may disappear after this fraternal year (2023-2024). We will start talking about this at our July 18th meeting. We would love to hear what you have to say or to volunteer. Nothing definite has been decided and we want everyone to have a chance to voice their opinion. Ultimately, this will produce a stronger council,

### Anniversaries

#### July

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| 3 Br. Dennis P Fahey      | 58 |
| 8 Br. John J Coyle        | 22 |
| 11 Br. George W Hollenack | 66 |
| 13 Br. Anthony U Olandu   | 26 |
| 25 Br. Michael R Baker    | 61 |
| 28 Br. Wayne J Althoff    | 26 |

#### August

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| 1 Br. Ricardo B Gonzales      | 47 |
| 2 Br. Timothy M Sibol         | 37 |
| 9 Br. Robert B Garrett Jr     | 54 |
| 13 PGK Theodore B Holloway Jr | 51 |
| 17 Br. James B Morris         | 38 |
| 19 PGK Barry J Schech         | 51 |
| 22 Br. Marinaldo M Figueiredo | 67 |
| 24 Br. Michael J Ruck         | 54 |

## Financial Secretary Report

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Well, the proceeds have been finally liquidated. By this I mean that all five scholarship endowments have been presented to the five schools. It goes without saying that all five were very glad to receive the endowments. Thanks to Jere Danaher who handled all the presentations. We showed in the last issue of the Grotto, the presentation to Catholic High, and in this issue, on the third page, you can see the other four presentations that were made too late for the previous issue. The only bit of business left is the remainder of the money from the building sale. It was decided, without opposition, that this money would be invested in the Knights of Columbus Investments. This is tailor made for councils since it is owned by the officers, and this ownership changes when new officers are elected. By owned, I mean managed, not actually THEIR money, it is always the councils money. Since we may not need any dividends for the next few years, we will simply let the dividends be reinvested. But we have the option of taking any amount from the fund for whatever we decide that we need it for, within the parameters agreed upon. As mentioned earlier, these investments will be for future charity and future council needs. Only the dividends will be spent, leaving money available for whatever the council may need going forward. If you wish to find out more, please see any of the officers involved.

Officer elections were done at the May meeting, and all of the officers agreed to stay on for another fraternal year. It is the trend in many councils, that the officers term is two years, and we have been lucky to have the same result in the past few years for especially the Grand Knight position. But we do not have this written in our by-laws. Perhaps in the past we had enough bodies vying for officer positions that this was not an issue. Over the last ten years or so, this has not been true as our council has diminished due to primarily the aging of the council members, and not many new men joining. I know that the MD State Council has met its quota this year, so men are joining OTHER councils. But why are we not meeting our quota? It can't be for the lack of events, charities or other things we do each year. We run the gamut of programs, both charitable and religious, and most of them fun! So what are we lacking? Maybe we should be more persistent with our recruiting efforts and ask more men when we see them in church? What better place to recruit? Carry a form 100 (if you are from the older generation) or have your smart-phone ready to sign someone up electronically (for all those younger). It is really easy and any young person (!!!) could show you how to do this. OR, go to our web site which has the sign up link on our LINKS page. Even I can do it! If in doubt, print out the form 100 from the same LINKS page on our web site and give it to the FS to process. Thanks ahead of time, to all who will try to recruit one new brother knight this year. Remember, we are all volunteers for our council, our church, for our poor, for our needy. It's what we do!

***"Volunteers don't get paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!" ~ anonymous.***

### Birthday's

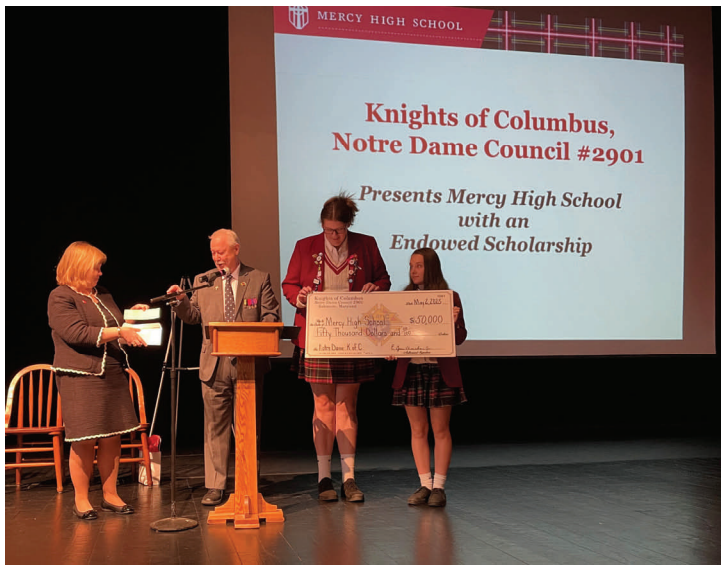
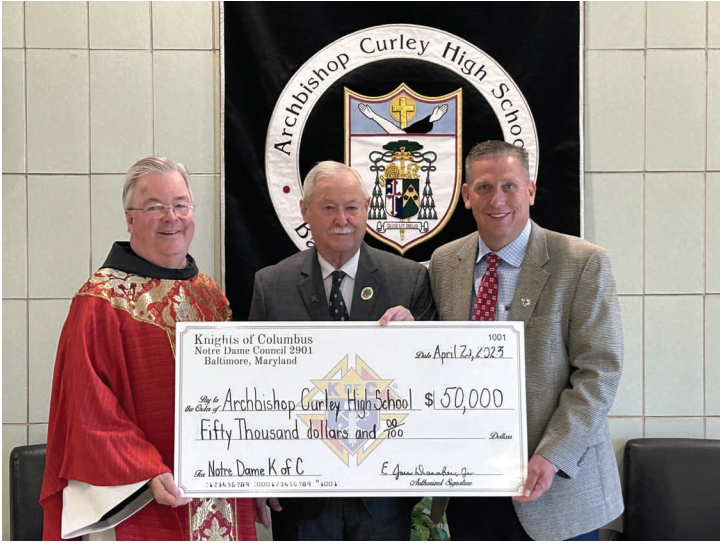
#### July

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|--------------------------|----|
| 4 Br. Michael W Schmitz  | 73 |
| 9 Br. Kenneth L Crist    | 70 |
| 9 Br. Louis E Heil Jr    | 97 |
| 14 Br. Alfredo R Pacheco | 79 |
| 19 Br. Donald T Gerard   | 85 |
| 20 Rev Timothy J Fell    | 55 |
| 22 Br. Joseph T Riely    | 63 |
| 24 Br. Martin C Bindel   | 59 |
| 28 PGK Barry J Schech    | 72 |
| 31 Br. Gregory S Miller  | 93 |

#### August

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| 1 Br. John B Crowe       | 85 |
| 2 Br. James A Boehm      | 79 |
| 3 Br. Samuel D Cucina    | 91 |
| 6 Br. Joseph T Riely Jr  | 20 |
| 8 Br. Robert J Cichowicz | 81 |
| 9 Br. John L Conway Jr   | 86 |
| 14 Br. Albert J Peters   | 81 |
| 19 PGK Jere Danaher Jr   | 76 |
| 20 Br. Vincent J Valerio | 65 |
| 27 Br. James C Hankinson | 44 |
| 27 Br. Frank C Kohl III  | 81 |
| 28 Br. Thomas M Aberle   | 65 |
| 30 Br. Mark J Des Marais | 78 |
| 30 PGK Jerome J Eppig    | 99 |
| 31 Br. Barry R Schimpf   | 85 |

# Picture page



**Scholarship presentations**—(starting top left picture) Archbishop Curley President Fr. Donald Grzyski, Jere Danaher PGK & Alumnus, Vice President of Advancement Barry Stitz. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Principal Kevin Iacoboni (left), Jere Danaher PGK (right). Mercy High School President Mary Beth Lennon (right), Jere Danaher PGK (center). Mount St. Joseph's Principal Frank Espinosa, President George Andrews, Jere Danaher PGK, Nelson Arnold PGK & Alumnus.



St. Pius X Carnival—the Knights once again manned the beverage stand but Friday and Sunday were rained out. Thanks to all who helped. Shown above is the church secretary, Dolores McKee, Louie and GK Tom Welzant.



5th Sunday in April—St. Casimir Church and Cladaugh's Pub in Canton square. Shown above, DW Greg Leftwich PGK, Bert Peters PGK and John Butt.

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| <b>Calendar of Events Quick Look</b>   |  |
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| <b>July</b>  |  |
| 4 Independence Day   |  |
| 18 Council Planning/Business Mtg 6:30/7:30PM   |  |
| 24 4th Degree Mtg 7:30PM   |  |
| 30 5th Sunday St. Mary of the Assumption 9AM<br>Mass followed by brunch at Seasons Pizza |  |
| <b>August</b>  |  |
| 1 Council Planning/Business Mtg 6:30/7:30PM  |  |
| 1 Council Audit 8PM  |  |
| 28 4th Degree Mtg 7:30PM   |  |



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**4th Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375**  
*FN : pending elections*

**Schedule:**  
 July 24th 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church admin building ~ IN PERSON  
 August 28th 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church admin building ~ IN PERSON

Please visit <http://www.ccofc375.wixsite.com/my-site>  
 for more information on the Assembly.



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